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For : A SERVER APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC MAIL  
TRANSMISSION CONTROL

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of September 17, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 17, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action, in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper:

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper: